

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 200 Main Street. Gary Bopp, President of Council presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by roll call.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Bopp	Carl Slough Sr.
Terry Sherman	Kerry Teter
Delton Kreiser	Carole Wertz

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Solicitor, Joseph Kerwin  
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen  
Tommie Harner, Citizen  
Glenn Sedesse, Citizen  
Nathan Pental, Public Works  
Patricia Barder, Planning Commission  
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

#### **MINUTES:**

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Kerry Teter the minutes from the January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting were approved.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. the minutes from the January 20, 2020 Monthly Council Meeting were approved.

#### **CITIZENS:**

Tommie Harner addressed council. Tommie explained that she lives at 528 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and her neighbors at 526 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street are making it very difficult for her to live in her property. Tommie said the neighbor's roof is falling down and she believes they may be without water and sewer service. Tommie expressed concern and stated she does not know what to do any more about the situation.

Tommie further explained she works hard on her property and is unable to obtain home owners insurance because of the neighbor's property. Tommie said she would like access to the basement to fix or repair an issue she is having on her side but cannot access it from her side because the access opening is too small.

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Tommie said she spoke with an attorney and the property owner was sent a letter. Tommie further explained she offered to purchase the property from the owners to eliminate the issues with the neighbors but the owners said due to the loan on the property it would not be possible to sell.

President of Council, Gary Bopp agreed that talking with a lawyer was the way for Tommie to handle the situation since it appears to be a civil matter. However, Council was in agreement to have Marty Sowers with Light-Heigel stop by the property location and assess the situation for visible violations.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The total deposited for the month of January was \$3,165.22.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Kerry Teter, the Secretary's Report was accepted.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **LYKENS PLANNING COMMISSION & COG REPORT**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **REVITALIZATION REPORT**

A written report was submitted by Terry Sherman.

Terry said he would like to recognize the employees from the Borough and the Authority on the great job getting the house down and the property cleaned up at 211 North Street.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Delton Kreiser the Revitalization Report was accepted.

### **LYKENS BORO AUTHORITY REPORT**

Council was given the Authority minutes from the January 15, 2020 monthly meeting.

Council was informed that the Authority requested a direct payment from the grant through Dauphin County Local Share to the contractor DeTraglia in the amount of \$80,000.00 for work completed on the Center Street Water Line Replacement Project.

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### **MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT**

There was nothing to report at this time

### **PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT**

Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. advised council he did not have anything to report at this time.

Nathan Pental reported everything is working. Nate explained he had an issue with the PTO on the truck however when he took the truck to the garage they could not find anything wrong with the truck and currently everything is working properly.

Nathan further reported 211 North Street is progressing however he is having trouble locating top soil at the moment to finish. Patricia Barder said there is some available in Berrysburg.

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Delton Kreiser, the Property and Supplies Reports were accepted.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. and seconded by Kerry Teter permission was given to purchase a camera system and a monitor in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the inside and outside of the Borough Building. Council agreed the Borough Office will be maintaining the system and will have the work connecting the camera system completed by in house employees.

Spring Clean Up was set for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 A.M.

The secretary reported Councilman Delton Kreiser and Nathan Pental joined her in volunteering at the electronic recycling event held in Upper Paxton Township last weekend.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Delton Kresier the Public Safety Reports were accepted.

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### **INSURANCE AND PENSION REPORTS**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **SALARIES AND BILLS**

Ordinary and necessary expenditures that have been paid for the month of January are included on the Treasurer's report.

Upon a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Delton Kreiser the Treasurer's Reports were accepted with permission to pay.

1. Glace Associates in the amount of \$983.00 for Engineering Services provided for the Edward Street Bridge Improvements.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Kerwin advised he had a few areas to discuss.

1. Solicitor Kerwin reported he has contacted the county to have the taxes reduced at 211 North Street.
2. Solicitor Kerwin reported he contacted Dave Ney in regards to the Veteran Flags being taken down. Dave asked Joe to contact Tim Koppenhaver. Joe is waiting for Tim to return his call.

Upon a motion by Terry Sherman and seconded by Vice Chairman Carl Slough Sr. the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

### **Open Items:**

1. Borough/Authority Pole Building – Looking into an area on Race Street owned by Alfa Laval.
2. Ordinance review of Chapter 7.
3. Electricity pavilion- Council tabled. (estimate by Lentz \$9,635.00)

President of Council, Gary Bopp asked if anyone had anything else to discuss before adjournment.

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Patricia Barder asked if the Borough will be getting involved with the Fall Festival since it will be held in the West Borough Park. President of Council, Gary Bopp advised that the fall festival will continue to be ran through Friends of Lykens and the Borough will not be involved.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Kerry Teter and seconded by Carole Wertz at 7:20 P.M.

Jeanette M. Crabb

Borough Secretary